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Customer No. 26874

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Randal T. Byrum et al. : Paper No:  
Serial No. 10/676,368 : Group Art Unit: 3731  
Filed: September 30, 2003 : Primary Examiner: Michael G. Mendoza  
For: **IMPLANTABLE BAND WITH NON-MECHANICAL ATTACHMENT  
MECHANISM**

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

MAIL STOP: Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner For Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed October 19, 2004.

Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004 for one month(s) from January 19, 2005 to February 19, 2005.

Submitted herewith is a credit card authorization for \$120.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment in the fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-2226. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

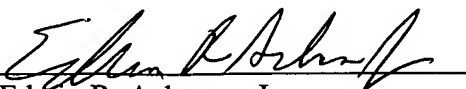
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